

SAFETY ASSESSMENT
Michigan Department of Human Services

Household Assessed:		Assessment Date:
County Name	DHS Worker Name	DHS Load Number
POS Worker:	POS Agency:	
Child Information: (Name/Case # / log #)		

SECTION 1: SAFETY ASSESSMENT
Safety Factor Identification

1. **Caretaker(s) caused serious physical harm to a child and/or made a plausible threat to cause serious physical harm, indicated by:**

Serious injury or abuse to child other than accidental
 Threat to cause harm or retaliate against child
 Excessive discipline or physical force
 Potential harm to child as a result of domestic violence
 One or more caretaker(s) fear they will maltreat child
 Drug exposed infant
 Other

With the prior serious physical harm or plausible threat, the current circumstances suggest that Safety may be of immediate concern.

2. **Caretaker(s) has previously maltreated a child in their care. Check all that apply:**

Prior death of a child	Prior removal of any child
Prior serious harm to any child	Prior CPS investigation with preponderance
Termination of parental rights	Prior threat of serious harm to child

There has been prior maltreatment; the severity of the maltreatment and/or the response to the maltreatment **and** the current circumstances suggest safety may be of immediate concern.

3. Caretaker(s) failed to protect children from serious physical harm or threatened harm and perpetrator continues to have access, will likely have access or there are individual(s) living in, or visiting the home on a regular basis, who pose a threat to safety of the child.
4. Caretaker's explanation of an injury to a child is unconvincing.
5. The caretaker(s) refuses access to the child, or there is a reason to believe the caretaker(s) is about to flee, or a child's whereabouts cannot be ascertained.
6. Child is fearful of caretaker(s), other family members, or other people living in or having access to the home.

7. Caretaker(s) is unwilling or unable to provide supervision to protect child from potentially serious harm.
8. Caretaker is unwilling or unable to meet the child's immediate need for food, clothing, shelter and/or medical or mental health care.
9. Physical living conditions are hazardous and immediately threatening based on the child's age and developmental status.
10. Caretaker(s) substance use seriously affects his/her ability to supervise, protect or care for the child.
11. Caretaker(s) behavior towards children is violent or out-of-control.
12. Caretaker describes or acts toward child in predominantly negative terms or has extremely unrealistic expectations.
13. Child sexual abuse is suspected and circumstances suggest that child safety may be an immediate concern.
14. Caretaker(s) emotional stability seriously affects current ability to supervise, protect or care for child.
15. Other.

SECTION 2: SAFETY RESPONSE - PROTECTING INTERVENTIONS

1. Monitoring or direct services by the DHS worker.
2. Family resources, neighbors or other individuals in the community.
3. Community agencies or services as safety resources.
Intensive Home Based? Other Community Services?
4. The alleged perpetrator has left the home, either voluntarily or in response to legal action.
5. The non-maltreating caretaker has moved to a safe environment with the child.

6. The caretaker(s) have placed the child outside the home.
7. Other
8. Legal action must be continued or taken to place child(ren) outside the home.

SECTION 3: SAFETY DECISION

A. Safe There are no children likely to be in immediate danger of serious harm if placement is made, or maintained, with the caretaker(s).

**B. Safe with
Services**

C. Unsafe

Explanation if Safety Decision is different for any child in the family

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